

Ellsworth September 16. 1820.

Dear Sir

It has been known for several months through this county that the subject of the Shirevalty would be taken into consideration at Bunkersport on the 13th. Many claps had meetings and authorised persons to act for them there. There are fourteen claps in Harwick, ten of which were represented. There ^{is no} but one opinion prevailing, which they have taken the liberty to express to your Excellency in the enclosed paper.

It is thought that there is no good reason why the present incumbent should be retained; he was appointed a times of emergency by the influence of his brother in law, Mr. Wilson and the western federalist, when the wishes of this county were but little consulted; he ought not to be accused of ingratitude towards his benefactors, for he did his utmost to prevent the independence of Maine; he is a man of very dilatory and unbusiness habits and is not well calculated for business; it is said, he is very negligent in paying over money when collected; his deputies are not backward in imitating this part of their principals' character. For years past there has not been one solitary republican deputy in the county.

Your worthy friend Mr. Johnson of Belfast is so surrounded by Mr. Watson's partisans that he finds it unpleasant to take a part against him. He has more than once assured me, he should be well satisfied with Mr. Jarvis' appointment. Judge Crosby in my late return with him from Mechanics expressed the same sentiment, & said he had serious apprehensions that Mr. Watson's end would be like that of Wilmer's - a delinquency. I have been informed the federalist of this county have endeavored to persuade your Excellency to reappoint him and that several of their managing members cojoked the rest of the

Has each representatives to sign a petition to that effect. I do believe that such republicans as then gave their names to it, regret now what they did.

It has been said by some that Mr. Jarvis is unpopular. This ought to be understood to come ~~only~~ from the mouths of those who are interested he should be so & who affirm what they ^{only} wish. I have no doubt it was imprudent in Mr. Jarvis' friends to support him for a member of Congress at the time and under the circumstances they did; but I do not think that a fair criterion of the estimation in which he is held by the republicans of this district.

There are two reasons why he was not elected Senator. He had been a director of the Eastern Bank that prevented them from issuing more bills than allowed by their charter. in consequence of which they had turned him out the year before and feared to have him in the legislature. The other is, there was no concert between the republicans on the different sides of the river. Since that election his popularity has been increasing. It is certain if he had desired he might have been nominated for the next representative to Congress.

I forward the enclosed address by the request of the Gentlemen who signed it and not by that of Mr. Jarvis. They hope your Excellency will not esteem him unworthy because he possesses too proud or honorable feelings to allow others to petition in his behalf.

I presume you are well acquainted with the personal merits of Mr. Jarvis. I need not therefore mention them. - His father's family owed its misfortunes to its attachment to the cause of the revolution. He & his brothers have long been guided by those principles which your Excellency has ever cherished. Their exertions have made this country republican. Mr. Carr & Mr. Whiting were alike devoted to the cause of their country while living. I believe they had the honor of being your Excellency's personal friends - Their untimely

by deaths are known to you. They both left large families that are depending on their brothers for support.

There is perhaps another reason in favor of the present candidate. Not more than one third of the inhabitants of this county live on western side the river. The Judge of Probate, County Attorney, & two Justices out of three of the Justices are already on that side. For ten years past no office of any consequence has been bestowed on a republican east of the river. I know of no one that is desired except that of Sheriff.

The above observations are submitted with much deference to your Excellency. When I had the pleasure of seeing you at Portland last fall - you did me the honor to ask me to write you. I have taken that liberty - I then contemplated going to Concordville but have since settled at this place.

The people in this part of the country seem happy to buy an independent state and under their present ship magistrates - should there ever be a time when the enemies of our union & of our country combine against him I think they will give him a warm & unflinching support.

With great respect

Your Excellency's

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